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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 4 and 9-15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, Applicant converted claims 4 and 9 to independent form and amended the remaining claims, namely 2, 5-7 and 10-15, such that they depend from claim 9.

Claims 2, 4-7, and 9-15 remain in the application. Claims 1, 3, and 8 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new matter has been added.

The specification stands objected to because the title is not descriptive. Applicants have substituted the original title for a more descriptive one. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the specification objection.

Claims 2-3 stand objected to for informalities. The informalities have been corrected in claims 2 and 4, which incorporates the language of claim 3. Support for the claim amendment to claim 2 can be found on page 5, lines 14-17 of the originally filed patent application. Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the claim objections.

Claims 1, 3, 5, and 8 stand rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2003/0203508 to Yates et al. ("Yates"). Claims 6-7 stand rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yates in view of that known to a person of ordinary skill in the requisite art. Claims 1, 3 and 8 have been cancelled. Claims 5-7 now depend from claim 9, which the Examiner indicated contains allowable subject matter. Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the claim rejections.

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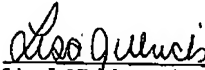
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For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 2, 4-7 and 9-15 is respectfully requested.

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